

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JULY 8, 2002
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on July 8, 2002 at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Judith Gutierrez
Jerry Vasquez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct #1
Commissioner Prct.#2
Commissioner Prct.#3
Commissioner Prct.#4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the as posted in the meeting notice of the 8th of May 2002. Present were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

02-07-213

1. Call to Order – Judge Martinez

Invocation – Commissioners Vasquez

Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

02-07-214

2. Minutes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept the minutes as submitted.

02-07-215

3. Communications –

Judge Martinez and the court congratulated Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor on his two year appointment.

Commissioner Velasquez presented the “Reaching for the Stars” award to Mr. Coach Robert Elizalde, United High School. and United High School Girls Soccer Team for being District Champs.

Commissioner Vasquez congratulated the winners of the “1st Annual Jerry Vasquez Softball Tournament”.

02-07-216

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

No Treasury Report.

Mr. Leo Flores, Auditor presented his report at this time.

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector presented the MVD and Ad Valorem reports.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept all monthly reports as submitted.

02-07-218

6. – a. Head Start –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve a line item transfer as follows:

From: Acct. 903-44208-8410 (equipment) \$ 20,727

To: Acct. 903-4208-6401 (center repairs) \$ 10,727
6225 (playground) \$ 10,000

\$ 20,727

6. – b. Treasurer –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve a line item transfer:

From: acct. # 001-0300-6022 (prof.serv.) \$ 2,000.00
6014 (equip. rental) \$ 2,000.00

To: acct. # 001-0300-6205 (mat.supplies) \$ 4,000.00

6. – c. Veteran’s Department –
1. & 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the use of the office located at the Webb County Justice Center-Parking Garage as recommended by Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator and;

Approve a line item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 001-5050-6007 (membership dues) \$ 100.00
6011 (training/ed.) 75.00
6205 (mat./supplies) 38.00
\$ 213.00 Total

To: acct. 001-5050-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 213.00

6. – d. Planning Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to issues “Certifications regarding compliance with Plat Requirements and the connection of Utilities” to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.028 (a) and (b)

Lot 6, Block 70, Bruni Subdivision
(water/electricity/sewer – one dwelling)

6. – e. Community Action Agency –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept TXDOT Grant for a total amount of \$ 469,372 for the Rural Transportation Program.(This grant will be used for administrative and operational expenses This is the General Grant for refunding of Rural Transportation Program. This budget has been reduced by \$ 186,000 by the state).

6. – f. Selection of Members for Purchasing Board –

1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor with the exception of Commissioner Velasquez voting “Aye”, against to select Commissioner Jerry Vasquez and Commissioner Judith Gutierrez to serve a four year term on the Webb County Purchasing Board.

2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to pass an Order, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 115.031 (i), to hire Baum and Mejia to audit the construction and sale of the Webb County Detention Center. This audit would best serve the interest of the public.

6. – g.

1. Tax Assessor-Collector –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following refund:

Falcon International Bank
Reason: paid in error
Total refund: \$ 1,757.83

6. – g.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to table this item:

Action to enter into an Agreement with MDE Management Group Inc., to place an ATM machine in the lobby of the Justice Center with the county agreeing to provide a dedicated 115-volt AC electrical circuit for the installation of the ATM machine no other costs will be involved MEE Management Group, Inc., will charge\$ 1.65 transaction to their user and agrees to negotiate amount paid to the county per transaction.

02-07-219

7. – a. Resolution / Grant –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to submit a Resolution for “The Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Recreation Grant” for Fiscal Year 2002 in the amount of \$ 500,000 for the Rio Bravo Community Park Project, authorization for the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (\$ 250,000 Cash Match from allocated bond money- \$ 250,000 grant) *** 2001 Series Issue.

7. – b. Purchase Crew Cab Truck / Self Help –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase A crew cab truck for the Webb County Self-Help Center (The truck will be used as a resource to implement Self-Help Center activities, funds for the truck will come from the Self-Help Center grant at no cost to the county).

7. – c., d., e. – Line Item Transfers -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following line item transfers:

Larga Vista Community Center –

From: acct. 001-6103-6401 (building maint.) \$ 1,600.00
6402 (equip.maint.) \$ 1,200.00
6205 (mat./supplies) \$ 500.00

Total \$ 3,300.00

To: acct. 001-6103-6403 (vehicle maint.) \$ 1,600.00
8801 (capital outlay) \$ 1,700.00

Total \$ 3,300.00

Rio Bravo Community Center –

From: acct. 001-6105-6205 (utilities) \$ 1,400.00

To: acct. 001-6105-6201 (vehicle maint.) \$ 900.00
6402 (equip. maint.) \$ 500.00

Total \$ 1,400.00

El Cenizo Community Center –

From: acct. 001-6101-6201 (utilities) \$ 2,750.00

To: acct. 001-6101-6403 (vehicle maint.) \$ 2,000.0
6402 (equip.maint.) \$ 500.00
6224 (capital outlay) \$ 250.00

Total \$ 2,750.00

02-07-220

8. – a., b., c. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Water Utilities:

From: acct. 801-3001-6201 (utilities) \$ 600.00

To: acct. 801-3001-6004 (telephone) \$ 600.00

Road & Bridge:

From:

acct. 010-7001-6059 (IH 35 Coalition) \$ 20,000.00

6732 (right of way aqui.) \$ 8,000.00

To:

acct. 010-7002-6202 (uniforms) \$ 8,000.00

6403 (repair/maint. vehicles) \$ 20,000

Total \$ 28,000.00 and;

Authorize the Utilities Department to conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of notifying customers of a water and sewer rate increase. They are as follows:

<u>Present rate</u>		<u>Proposed 2002-2003</u>
Residential Water	\$ 10.00 min. + \$ 1.75 per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.00 min + \$ 2.00 per 1,000 gallons
Residential Sewer	\$ 14.00 per month	\$ 15.00 per month
Commercial Sewer	\$ 10.00 min + \$ 2.42 per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.00 min + \$ 2.80 1,000 gallons
Commercial Sewer	\$ 14.00 min + \$ 2.42 per 1,000 gallons	\$ 15.00 min. + \$ 2.80 1,000 gallons

8. – d. Line Item Transfer / Texas Water Development Board-EDAP –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following line-item transfers to Texas Water Development Board-EDAP Project Fund # 610,646,648 and 649 as follows:

From: acct. 610-8006-6791-3 (water contingency) \$ 111,000.00
648-8006-6791-3 (water grant contingency) \$ 69,460.00
649-8005-6791-3 (water loan contingency) \$ 131,000.00
646-8005-6791-3 (sewer grant contingency) \$ 55,910.00
649-8006-6791-3 (sewer loan contingency) \$ 67,200.00

Total \$ 464,870.00

To: acct. 648-8006-6022-7 (water grant inspection) \$ 59,910.00
648-8006-6023-6 (water grant engr. design) \$ 147,260.00
648-8006-6023-7 (water-grant engr. const.) \$ 21,670.00
648-8006-6022-5 (water grant surveying) \$ 59,620.00
648-8006-6022-6 (water grant geotechnical) \$ 23,500.00
648-8006-6048 (water grant permits) \$ 2,000.00
646-8005-6791-2 (sewer grant O & M Manuals) \$ 29,100.00
646-8005-6022-5 (sewer grant surveying) \$ 33,000.00
646-8005-6022-6 (sewer grant geotechnical) \$ 1,900.00
646-8005-6022-8 (sewer grant testing) \$ 4,900.00
646-8005-6791-2 (sewer grant O & M Manuals) \$ 100.00
646-8005-6791-3 (sewer grant inspection) \$ 55,910.00

Total \$ 434,870.00

8. – e. Supplemental Agreement / Dannenbaum Engineering –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Dannenbaum Engineering for the inspection of the construction of the Water Treatment Plant and the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$ 431,220. This authorization is subject to the approval of the Texas Water Development Board’s Engineer (Funding from acct # 648-8006-6022-7, 649-8005-6022-7, 610-8006-6791-3 and 646-8006-6791-3. The \$ 431,220 cost of inspection submitted by Dannenbaum Engineering is approximately \$ 59,000 lower than the other estimate received).

02-07-221

9. – a, & b. Purchasing Agent –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to award the following bids:

Bid # 2002-59 “Larga Vista Improvements Project” to Zertuche Const.
** including 5ft.

Bid # 2002-56 “Educational Materials and supplies for Head Start Expansion” as recommended by the Purchasing Agent refer to back on file at the County Clerk’s

02-07-222

10. – a. County Attorney / Line Item Transfer –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve a line item transfer:

From: acct. 001-1101-6014 (equip.rental) \$ 200.00
6403 (repairs & maint.veh.) \$ 1,000.00

To: acct. 001-110-6205 (mat./supplies) \$ 1,200.00

10. – a., b., c. County Attorney –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to tender thirty day notice to Jessie M. Jacobs, individually and as Trustee, and Suzanne M. Palmer, the lease of the building located at 919 Houston, St., and being Lots number nine (9) and ten (10) in Block number one hundred sixteen (116), Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas (a.k.a. the Old Central Jury Room Building and the Mandel Building) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a Computer Software Support Services Agreement (real estate, personal property, tax administration, billing, collection and distribution system application software support services) with Easy Access inc., for the Tax Assessor Collector’s AS400 Computer for a twelve month period beginning September 9, 2002, And renewable for one additional twelve month period upon acceptance an annual renewal agreement, at a cost of \$ 8,940.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (Funds available in acct. # 001-0500-6402) and;

Enter into a Contract Amendment # 2 to Texas Department of Agricultural Contract # 717282 extending the Texas Capital Fund Program (Laredo Modular Construction System) to November 30, 2002, at no additional cost to the County and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – e. Lease Agreement / Mr. Seymon Deutsch –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Seymon Deutsch for the Webb County School Lands, El Penjamo and El Llano Pastures (being 8,829.57 acres) for a three year period with a two year option at rental of \$ 114,784.41 per year, as awarded by the Commissioners Court on June 24, 2002, Bid # 2002-57 and authorize the County Judge to execute same.

Mr. Luis Diaz De Leon came before the court to thank them for their support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to adjourn the meeting.